

# City of Deer Park Messenger

## National Night Out 2012



On Oct. 2, neighborhoods throughout Deer Park are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored by the Deer Park Police Dept. Over 15,325 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world will participate. This year's national corporate sponsors are Target Corporation and NextDoor.com, a private social network similar to Facebook but at a neighborhood level.

National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention awareness, (2) Generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and plan to fight back. In addition to the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities celebrate National Night Out with block parties, parades, festivals, safety fairs, and youth activities. Residents in Deer Park neighborhoods and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on the out-

door lights, and spend the evening visiting with neighbors and police. This year the Deer Park Police Department will encourage NNO coordinators and participants to promote food donations for the Deer Park Food Pantry.

National Night Out emphasizes the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. Contact Community Liaison, Sheila Plovovich, at 281-930-2118 or [splovovich@deerparktx.org](mailto:splovovich@deerparktx.org) for more information.

## 2012-13 Budget

On July 31, the City Manager presented to the Mayor and City Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2012. The City Manager's proposed budget totals \$53,074,197. The proposed budget amounts for the major City funds are as follows:

General Fund	\$32,962,089
Water & Sewer Fund	8,768,994
Debt Service Fund	4,867,065
Special Revenue Fund	4,009,219
Storm Water Utility Fund	151,625
Capital Improv. Fund	2,315,205
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,074,197</b>

The proposed budget is based on a proposed tax rate of \$.72/\$100 of valuation. This is the same tax rate as levied in FY 2011-2012. As in the past, all residential property owners will continue to receive a 20% value reduction on their homestead property for the purpose

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## Garbage Bags



The City will institute a new method of garbage bag delivery this fall, which no longer includes residential doorstep delivery. Beginning October 8, the City will open a distribution center in the west parking lot of the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, located at 500 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St. In late

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### City of Deer Park

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Deer Park, TX 77536  
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281-478-7217 Fax  
[www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov)

#### Central Collections & Utility Billing

You can now conveniently pay your water bill by automatic bank draft. For information on setting up the electronic draft, call 281-478-7221. You can also pay online by signing in to use the utility billing services at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

#### City services will be closed on Sept. 3 for Labor Day and on Nov. 22 & 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Curbside collection of rubbish will resume on your next regular collection day.



The City of Deer Park recycling containers are located at the Transfer Station, 610 Underwood Road. Your recyclable materials (aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper) will be accepted at the Transfer Station Monday through Friday, 9am to 6pm, and Saturdays, 9am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact the Public Works Dept. at 281-478-7253.



To keep you informed about what's happening in our community, the City of Deer Park has the e-mail notification service **CITY NEWS**. To join, visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov) and click the *CITY NEWS* icon.

## City Officials

### Elected Officials

Wayne Riddle.....	Mayor
Jerry Mouton, Jr. ....	Councilmember - Position 1
Thane Harrison .....	Councilmember - Position 2
Chris Richey .....	Councilmember - Position 3
Bill Patterson .....	Councilmember - Position 4
Beckie Stockstill-Cobb .....	Councilmember - Position 5
Rae A. Sinor .....	Councilmember - Position 6

### Department Directors

James J. Stokes .....	City Manager
Gary M. Jackson .....	Assistant City Manager
Sandra Watkins .....	City Secretary
Donna Todd.....	Director, Finance
Bill Philibert.....	Director, Human Resources
Bill Pedersen.....	Director, Public Works
Scott E. Swigert.....	Director, Parks and Recreation
Rebecca Pool .....	Director, Library
Malcolm Swinney.....	Director, Emergency Services
Greg Grigg .....	Chief of Police
Linda McHone.....	I.T. Manager

### Other Appointed Officials

Jim Fox .....	City Attorney
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### City Facilities

Animal Shelter .....	281-478-7274.....	4213 Luella
Art Park Players Dinner Theatre ...	281-478-7288.....	1302 Center
Avon Recreation Center .....	281-478-7216.....	601 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Battleground Golf Course .....	281-478-2080.....	1600 Georgia
City Hall.....	281-479-2394.....	710 E. San Augustine
Claude Burgess Recreation Center ...	281-478-2060.....	4200 Kalwick
Community Center.....	281-478-2050.....	610 E. San Augustine
Fire Station #1.....	281-478-2043.....	1302 Center
Fire Station #2.....	281-478-7282.....	711 E. Pasadena Blvd
Fire Station #3.....	281-478-7281.....	2211 East X
Jimmy Burke Activity Center .....	281-478-2049.....	500 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street
Kingsdale Center.....	281-478-7215.....	2218 Kingsdale
Maxwell Adult Center .....	281-478-7276.....	1201 Center
Municipal Court .....	281-478-7238.....	1302 Center
Police Station .....	281-479-1511.....	2911 Center
Public Library .....	281-478-7208.....	3009 Center
Swimming Pool .....	281-478-2055.....	610 E. San Augustine
Transfer Station .....	281-478-7252.....	610 Underwood

# Library News



## *Library Expansion Update*

The Library Expansion and Renovation project began in March of this year. Great progress has been made over the last seven months as the 6,300 square foot expansion has taken shape. Once the new square footage is complete, we will be ready for Phase II of the project. During Phase II, the public areas of the old building will be shut down, so they can be renovated. This renovation will include new carpet, a fresh coat of paint, as well as the creation of a teen reading space, a technology lab, a small conference room, and a small group study room.

Phase II is scheduled to begin in September and should last three to four months. The Library will close for two weeks in order to transition from Phase I to Phase II. Library materials and public Internet computers will be brought into the newly constructed square footage, so that we can continue to serve the citizens of Deer Park for the remainder of the construction project.

Phase II will introduce the new Library entrance, which will move to P Street. Library patrons will notice improved access to the building with power assisted doors and more parking spaces. During Phase II, most Library programs will be

suspended due to space constraints. Computer classes, Teen Tech, Storytime, and other children's programs will resume early next year. Crochet class will move off-site until the project is completed.

The Library Expansion and Renovation project is currently expected to be complete in December 2012, with an anticipated Grand Opening in early 2013.



To view more pictures of the Library Expansion project, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and select the link "Click here to watch us grow."

## *Suspension of Regular Programs*

Library construction has forced the suspension of our regular programs this fall. The following will resume in early 2013:

- Weekly *Toddler Storytime* and *Preschool Storytime* sessions
- Monthly children's *After School Crafts*
- Weekly *Teen Tech*

## *Beginning Crochet Class*

*For ages 8 to adult*

Learn at your own pace. Attend at your own convenience. Initial materials provided. Class is free. Registration is not required.

Beginning in September, Crochet classes will be held at the Maxwell

Center from 7-8pm on Tuesday evenings until the expansion of the Library is complete. Crochet classes will return to the Library in early 2013, where it will be held in the new, larger meeting room.

The Maxwell Center is located at 1201 Center Street in Deer Park. For more information, call the Library at 281-478-7208.

## *Computer Classes*

Due to the construction at the library, computer classes will not be available for the rest of the year. Classes will resume in 2013 in the new technology lab.

*Mystery Book Club* meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. Join other mystery readers to discuss the selected books and other mysteries you enjoy. Registration is not required. You are welcome to come whether you have read the books or not.

*Sept. 11 - YA Survival Adventures*

*The Hunger Games*

by Suzanne Collins

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*Surviving Antarctica*

by Andrea White

*Oct. 9 - Paranormal Thrillers*

*The Infernals*

by John Connolly

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*The Restorer*

by Amanda Stevens

*Nov. 13 - Classics*

*The Thirty-nine Steps*

by John Buchan

&

*The Big Sleep*

by Raymond Chandler



## Using Your Library from Home

Due to construction, the library will experience occasional closings and a couple of months of restricted space this fall. However, there is no need to worry because you will still be able to get what you need. Access to your library account, e-books, audio books, journal articles, and more is available to you 24/7 with a computer, a current Deer Park library card, and Internet access.

If you are searching for something to listen to or read, you can download audio books or eBooks from the Houston Area Digital Media Catalog, which is powered by OverDrive, to your iPod, MP3 player, or e-reader. Many e-Book readers, including the Kindle and Nook, are compatible with OverDrive. You can also download them to your computer or tablet! Simply go to [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library) and click on the blue Houston Media Digital Catalog banner. For assistance using your particular device, try the help section on the Houston Digital Media Catalog homepage located in the upper right side of the screen. You can also call or come into the library with your device for assistance.

TexShare databases with access to full articles from major newspapers, such as the INFOTRAC Newsstand, as well as reference e-books in the Gale Virtual Reference Library are also available via our Online Resources.

For help in accessing these resources for the first time, call 281-478-7208 during the library's hours of operation. Your library card barcode number and PIN are required to access your library account online

and to check out e-Books and audio books through OverDrive. Individual databases require a password that may be obtained by calling the Library or picking up a handout on your next visit.

Access all of our Internet resources by clicking on the blue book located on the Library's homepage at [www.deerparktx.gov/library](http://www.deerparktx.gov/library).

## New Books - Children's Interest



*After the Snow*  
by Sophie Crockett



*Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian*  
by Eoin Colfer



*Captain Underpants and the Terrifying Return of Tippy Tinkletrousers*  
by Dav Pilkey



*Cardboard*  
by Doug TenNapel



*A Confusion of Princes*  
by Garth Nix



*Dead of Winter*  
by Chris Priestley



*Nevermore: The Final Maximum Ride Adventure*  
by James Patterson



*Passion*  
by Lauren Kate



*I've Lost My Hippopotamus*  
by Jack Prelutsky

## New Books - Adult Fiction



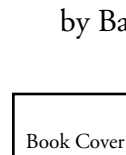
*The Bone Bed*  
by Patricia Cornwell



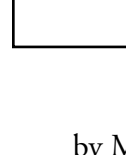
*The Racketeer*  
by John Grisham



*Sleep No More*  
by Iris Johansen



*Mad River: A Virgil Flowers Novel*  
by John Sandford



*Free Alex Cross*  
by James Patterson



*Flight Behavior*  
by Barbara Kingsolver



*The Forgotten*  
by David Baldacci



*The Black Box*  
by Michael Connelly



*Last to Die: A Rizzoli & Isles Novel*  
by Tess Gerritsen



*Bones are Forever*  
by Kathy Reichs

# 2012-2013 Budget

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of computing the property tax. By way of example, the owner of a home valued at \$100,000 will pay property taxes on \$80,000 of that value. Additionally, senior citizens, age 65 and older, will continue receiving an additional exemption of \$50,000 on the value of their homestead. Utilizing the same example of a residence valued at \$100,000 for a senior citizen, they will pay property tax on \$30,000 of the value of the residence. As a further benefit for senior citizens, ages 65 and older, the amount of property taxes paid to the City is capped as of the year in which they turn 65. Unless a senior citizen makes improvements to their home, such as adding a room or building a swimming pool, they will never pay more in property taxes to the City than the amount paid in the year they turn 65 years of age, even if their existing residence increases in value. If you would like more information on these exemptions and the tax cap for senior citizens, please contact the Tax Dept. at 281-478-7222.

The City uses a variety of funds to pay for its operations. The General Fund includes funds for the general operation of the City, including services such as Police, Fire/EMS, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Library, and Administration. The proposed FY 2012-13 General Fund budget calls for no ad valorem tax increase, no new staff positions, and a 1% cost of living increase for City employees (1<sup>st</sup> such increase in 3 yrs).

Last summer, the City Council agreed to a multi-year process of funding significant Water & Sewer capital improvements. City staff prepared a \$38 million Capital Improvements program outlining a decade of necessary improvements to our water lines, sewer lines, lift stations, water towers, water treat-

ment plant, and wastewater treatment plant. FY 2012-2013 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of this program, with expenditures planned for the rehabilitation of sewer lines in the Spencer View area of Deer Park and the beginning stages of \$13.6 million in improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. These costs will be covered via the issuance of \$4,830,000 in certificates of obligation backed by water and sewer revenues in FY 2012-2013. Our Water & Sewer Fund operates as an enterprise fund. It derives revenue from water and sewer rates, not property taxes. Debt obligations for water and sewer system improvements must be funded through water and sewer revenues. For FY 2012-2013, water and sewer rates are budgeted to remain unchanged in comparison to FY 2011-12. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, base rates will continue to be \$10.25 for 2,000 gallons of water and \$10.25 for 2,000 gallons of sewer. Likewise, the rate per 1,000 gallons of water and sewer charges above the 1<sup>st</sup> 2,000 gallons are budgeted identically to those of the past 2 years.

Funds are provided in the Debt Service Fund to pay the annual interest and principal payments on previously issued bonds. The amount due in FY 2012-13 for these payments is \$4,867,065.

The Special Revenue Fund consists of revenue from the Hotel Occupancy Tax, Municipal Court fees, Police Forfeiture funds, and grant funds. For FY 2012-13, proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax expenditures total \$1,024,296, Municipal Court related expenditures equal \$508,635, and Police Dept. expenditures are \$16,210. Grant funds equate to \$2,460,078 and will assist with needed projects, such as the Patrick's Bayou Detention project and our Project Stars Monumental

Gateway project. We are also excited to offer our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Park this December. It is a family oriented holiday event, funded with Hotel Occupancy Tax proceeds.

The Capital Improvements Fund is for the purpose of funding capital improvements on a cash or pay-as-you-go basis. This fund reduces the use of long term debt financing. Numerous projects totaling \$2,315,205 are included in this fund for FY 2012-13.

The Storm Water Utility Fund allows the City to cover expenses associated with the unfunded federal mandate known as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The NPDES mandate requires cities to implement programs and practices to control polluted storm water runoff through a permitting program. Those expenses in FY 2012-2013 total \$151,625.

In May 2011, Deer Park voters authorized a ¼ cent sales tax for a new Crime Control & Prevention District (CCPD) and a ¼ cent sales tax for a new Fire Control, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD). These Districts are component units of the City Government, led by their respective Board of Directors. The FY 2012-2013 budgets of both entities have yielded significant savings to the City's General Fund, while allowing for the purchase of many other items to be utilized by the Deer Park Police Dept. and Deer Park Volunteer Fire Dept.

For more information about the proposed budget, contact the City Manager's Office at 281-478-7245. You may also review the proposed budget at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), or visit the City Secretary's Office or the Deer Park Public Library.



# Employee Awards



*April – Supervisor of the Month  
Tara Riley, Finance*



*April – Support Staff  
Tabitha Fox, Central Collections*



*April – Field Services  
Pete Adame, Public Works*



*May – Supervisor of the Month  
Jazmin Hernandez, Parks & Recreation*



*May – Support Staff  
Daryl Denzer, I.T. Services*



*June – Support Staff  
Lacy Stole, Parks & Recreation*

# Fire Department



## October is Prevention Month

Firefighters will be providing fire prevention education at all schools and day care centers during this month. The Annual Fire Prevention Parade will be on Oct. 6 at 10am.

## Change the Batteries in Your Smoke Detectors

Remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you turn your clock back to standard time. This simple act will provide you and your family with the extra seconds necessary to escape from a fire. The majority of home fires occur between 2am and 5am, which is when most people are asleep.



Mistakenly, people believe that the smoke will wake them up, when in fact, smoke can dull your senses, cause loss of consciousness, and even death. The majority of home fire-related deaths are from smoke inhalation, not flames or burns. So, when you turn your clock back to standard time, be certain to change the batteries in your smoke alarm.

## Heater Maintenance

All heating systems can start fires if not used and maintained properly. Heating your home during the colder months of the year can prove dangerous if you do not follow a few simple safety precautions.

Check baseboard heaters often to remove objects that have fallen on top



of or near the heater. Objects, such as newspapers, furniture, or blankets, close to heaters can start a fire. Portable heaters warm up rapidly and, like baseboard heaters, can easily ignite a flammable item nearby. Always turn portable heaters off if you leave the room or are going to go to sleep. When you use your fireplace or wood stove to heat your home, keep the door and fire screen shut to protect your home from sparks. Burn only dry seasoned wood, never rubbish. Garbage and green wood can cause a chimney fire. Remember to have your chimney inspected and serviced before each heating season.



# Parks & Recreation

## **Zumba Fitness**

Join the fastest growing fitness craze and experience an exciting high energy workout that combines dance and fitness with Latin rhythms.

*\$85 per session, \$10 walk-in*

*\$45 for 3-week mini session*

*Tues. & Thurs., 7:15-8:15pm*

*Aug. 21-Sept. 27, Oct. 2-Nov. 15 &*

*Mini Session Nov. 27-Dec. 13*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Basic Dog Obedience Training**

We will guide you in the proper use of positive reinforcement to train your dog to listen. The dogs will learn simple commands that will make them better family members.

*\$75 per 8-week session*

*Tues., 7-8pm*

*Sept. 4-Oct. 23*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **Sunrise Exercise**

Join this early morning variety class to increase your heart health and muscular strength with a cardiovascular workout, weight training, circuit training, and stretching. Please bring hand weights. A.C.E. Certified Instructor.

*\$35 per month, \$7 walk-in*

*Tues. & Thurs.*

*Sept. 4-Dec. 20, 6-6:40am*

*Earl Dunn Gym*

## **Adult Cardio Tennis**

It's the ultimate, high energy workout. A fun new way to get in shape and burn calories. For details, go to [www.cardiotennis.com](http://www.cardiotennis.com).

*\$65 for 6 classes (1 class/week) or*

*\$130 for 12 classes (2 classes/week)*

*Mon. & Wed., 5:30-6:30pm*

*Sept. 17-Oct. 24 & Oct. 29-Dec. 12*

*Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Market Days of Deer Park**

Come to Dow Park every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month for homemade goods and ready-made items. To become a vendor, send an e-mail to [marketdays@yahoo.com](mailto:marketdays@yahoo.com).

*Sept. 15, Oct. 20 & Nov. 17*

*9am-1pm*

*Dow Park*

## **TOT Basketball Program**

The Teams of Tomorrow (TOT) basketball program is a weekly ball handling and dribbling session designed for ages 3-5. TOT is non-competitive and uses music to build your child's basketball skills, motor skills, listening skills, and self-confidence. Pay for all sessions between Sept. 6, 2012 and May 16, 2013 at one time to get a free TOT ball!

*\$110 per 3-month session or \$36*

*monthly, plus \$30 registration fee*

*Thursdays, 11:30am-12:15pm*

*Sept. 6-Nov. 29*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Youth Basketball League**

Youth basketball league registration is underway. Teams will be limited to 10 players. The number of teams formed will depend on the number of coaches available. Teams will be determined by a blind draft. Partial teams may be formed depending on the age of the child. Teams will be formed based on the age of the child and not by grade level. A meeting for coaches will be held in December. Registration for coaches opens Oct. 1. Practices begin in December. Games start Jan. 2013. To become a coach, call Elva Banda at 281-478-2050. For ages 8-12.

*\$60 per child*

*Saturdays, Oct. 1-Dec. 15*

*DPISD Gyms*

## **Deer Park Junior Tennis**

Tennis programs designed for all ability levels, ages 5-17. The traditional Saturday program focuses on beginner through intermediate levels and are led by Coach Joel Hoffman and Coach Chris Hoffman. Midweek tennis classes are for intermediate through advanced levels and are led by Ted Geier, USPTA Developmental Coach.

*\$89 per 6-week session (1 day/week)*  
*or \$178 per session (2 days/week)*

*Tennis Buddies, ages 5-8*

*Saturdays, 8:30-9:30am, Sept. 22-*

*Oct. 27 & Nov. 3-Dec. 15*

*Future Stars, ages 9-14*

*Saturdays, 9:45-10:45am, Sept. 22-*

*Oct. 27 & Nov. 3-Dec. 15*

*Performance Team (intermediate lev-*

*el), Saturdays, 9:45-10:45am, Sept.*

*22-Oct. 27 & Nov. 3-Dec. 15*

*Performance Team (intermediate lev-*

*el), Tues. & Thurs., 5-6pm, Sept. 18-*

*Oct. 25 & Oct. 30-Dec. 13*

*Performance Team (advanced level),*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6-7pm, Sept. 18-Oct.*

*25 & Oct. 30-Dec. 13*

*Dow Park Tennis Courts*

## **Adult Softball League**

Register now for 8 weeks of scheduled double header games. League play begins the week of Sept. 10. Payment must be made for your spot to be reserved. You will have the option to play on Monday night for Men's Recreation, Tuesday night for Co-Ed, and Thursday night for the Men's Competitive League. A manager's meeting will be held on Sept. 6. It is mandatory that at least one team member attend to pick up all necessary paperwork.

*\$420 per team or \$400 for teams*

*returning from Summer 2012*

*Mon., Tues. & Thurs.*

*Sept. 10-Nov. 15, 6:30-10:30pm*

*Adult Sports Complex, 2600 Pasa. Blvd.*

## **Goblin Gallop**

Join us for the annual Goblin Gallop, a certified USTAF event for men and women. There will be a 5K run and a kid's Monster Mile run through Dow Park. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. All runners will receive a T-shirt and race packet. \$5 from every registration will benefit The Susan G. Komen Foundation. For all ages. Register today!

*\$20 pre-registration or \$25 race day for 5K  
\$10 pre-registration or \$12 race day for Monster Mile*

*Oct. 6, 5K-8am, Monster Mile-9am  
Deer Park Community Center*

## **Haunted Maze**

Find your way around in a maze that holds something frightful around every corner. Parental discretion is advised. We do not recommend this maze for young children. By entering, you agree to be exposed to graphic scenes. Tickets will not be sold after 11:15pm. Actors will take a 5-min. break at 9pm & 10pm each night.

*\$8 per person*

*Oct. 19, 20, 26 & 27*

*7:30-11:30pm*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Carnival**

It is fun for the whole family! Put on your craziest costumes and enter the costume contest, enjoy the carnival rides, and enter the pumpkin carving/decorating contest. There's also a free hay maze and fun games in Pumpkin Town for the little ones. Tickets are 30¢ each or 4 for \$1. Most games require 1-2 tickets and everyone is a winner. Ticket sales are from 6:15-8:15pm. Free parking and admission.

*Oct. 31, 6-8:30pm*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **Strut Your Stuff Costume Contest** 6-7:30pm

*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards in each age group. \$2 per entry or \$6 for groups of 3 or more.*

*Age groups: 3 & under, 4-6, 7-10, 11-15, 16 & over, Family/Group  
Best of Show wins \$100!*

## **Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest** Drop off: 5:30-6:30pm

*\$100 prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$50 prize for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$25 prize for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category.*

## **Children's Hay Maze**

6-8:30pm

*Find your way through the children's hay maze for your chance to win a prize at the end.*

## **Pumpkin Town**

6:30-8:30pm

## **Turkey Camp**

Spend your Thanksgiving Break enjoying arts & crafts, games, and field trips. For ages 6-11.

*\$75 per child*

*Nov. 19-21, 7:30am-5:30pm*

*Claude Burgess Recreation Center*

## **Turkey Shoot**

Yes, it is that time again! Equipment will be provided for all participants. No personal equipment will be allowed. There will be 4 age groups beginning at age 6. Ages 18 & over will only compete in archery. Winners in each division will win a prize. Must be present to win. Registration is free. Register at [activenet.active.com/dprecreation](http://activenet.active.com/dprecreation) prior to the event.

*\$2 per person*

*Nov. 20, 6-9pm*

*Registration is at 6pm and competition starts at approximately 6:30pm.*

*Jimmy Burke Activity Center*

## **New Adult Basketball League**

Are you ready to join a basketball league that sets a new standard? The Illusion Institute Fall Basketball League tracks player statistics to determine the league leaders. There are 2 certified referees per game, a strict code of conduct is enforced to ensure a safe environment, and shirts are provided for all players on the rosters submitted in the registration packet. Games are Sat. & Sun. Times will be provided with schedules. There will be a team captain meeting prior to the season. Space is limited to 10 teams. Min. of 8 players per roster with a max. of 12. For men, ages 18 & over.

*\$608 per team*

*Sept. 8-Nov. 3*

## **New Movies in the Park**

If you enjoyed the free movies at Dow Park this past summer, you'll be thrilled to know we'll be showing 2 more movies on the outdoor inflatable screen this fall. Movies start at 7:30pm or 15 min. after sunset. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. In case of rain, the movie will be moved to the Earl Dunn Gym. For movie titles, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation).

*Sept. 21 & Nov. 9*

## **New One Day Kid Fit Camp**

A camp designed to encourage youth to stay active and healthy. There will be obstacle training, nutrition information, circuits, strength and conditioning, and field sport activities. Children need to bring 2 drinks, a snack, and a sack lunch. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. A.C.E. Certified instructor. For ages 6-12.

*\$30 per child*

*Oct. 8, 7:30am-5:30pm*

*Earl Dunn Gym*



# Parks & Recreation

## **Extreme Couponing**

Learn to be thrifty. This class will show you where to get coupons, how to use them, and how to stockpile items. For details, go to [www.frugalfinds4friends.blogspot.com](http://www.frugalfinds4friends.blogspot.com). Limited to 15.

*\$25 per person*

*Sept. 29, 10am-1pm*

*Oct. 13, 11:30am-2:30pm*

*Nov. 3, 10am-1pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Ladies Low Impact Aerobics**

Cardiovascular exercise class to elevate your heart rate, plus sculpting and weight training. For ages 18 & over.

*\$20 per month, \$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8:30-9:30am*

*Deer Park Community Center*



## **Pilates**

Strengthen your core, tone your body, and improve your flexibility. For teens & adults.

*\$40 per month (2 days/week) or*

*\$20 per month (1 day/week)*

*\$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Tues. & Thurs., 6:30-7:30pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Yoga for Health & Well-Being**

Increase your range of motion, strengthen and tone your muscles, and reduce stress with this gently guided approach. It's easy to follow and suitable for all levels of fitness. You'll learn about the importance of breathing and how to consciously move your body in harmony with your breath for structural support and stress relief. Bring a yoga mat to class. Shoes are not required.

*\$55 for any 4 classes within a session, \$95 for any 8 classes within a session, or \$15 per class*

*Mon. & Thurs., 6:45-7:45pm*

*Sept. 10-Oct. 1 (Mon. only), Oct. 8-Nov.*

*1 & Nov. 5-Dec. 6*

*Claude Burgess Recreation Center*

## **Deer Park Karate**

We teach Taekwondo and Shorin-Ryu. Learn a variety of defensive and offensive maneuvers, such as counters to punches, escapes from bear hugs, and hand and foot striking techniques. Participants must register each month.

*\$30 per month (2 classes/week) or*

*\$40 per month (3 classes/week)*

*\$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Mon., Wed. & Fri.*

*Intro. Class, ages 7-12,*

*6:40-7:15pm*

*Beginner's Class, ages 7-12,*

*7:15-8pm*

*Teen & Adult Class, ages 13 & over,*

*8-8:45pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Concealed Handgun Class**

This course covers the rules and regulations to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm in the State of Texas, as well as the safety, maintenance, and storage of a firearm.

Fingerprinting is required prior to the class. For more information, go to [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us).

*\$100 for students, \$90 for Deer Park educators, \$70 for City employees,*

*\$70 for DPVFD, \$60 for Active Military/Reserve, \$40 for Police Officers*

*Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, 8:30am-4pm*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **Santa Sleepover**

We're calling all little elves to come enjoy a night of fun. We'll start with a winter sleigh ride around town and then stay at the Commu-

nity Center for games, movies, snacks, pillow fights, jumping on a moon bounce, and a special visit from Santa Claus. We are even making a Christmas craft to take home. Children should wear comfortable clothing and eat dinner before arriving. A continental breakfast will be served. Each child must bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. Limited to 50. For ages 5-11.

*\$35 per child*

*Dec. 21, 8pm to Dec. 22, 7am*

*Deer Park Community Center*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reindeer Park**

It is family entertainment complete with craft vendors, pictures with Santa, concessions, Santa's Tree Farm (Christmas tree decorating competition), the Christmas tree lighting, ice skating rink, snow areas and snow slides, Christmas at the Cabin, and a lighted Christmas parade! The theatre will host Mrs. Clause's Marketplace, the Miss Mistletoe Beauty Pageant, and a theatre production at Prancer's Playhouse by the Art Park Players. At The Republic Grill, there will be an omelet bar on Friday & Saturday, plus a brunch on Sunday. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/reindeerpark](http://www.deerparktx.gov/reindeerpark) for more information.

*Nov. 30, 6-9pm*

*Dec. 1, 3-8pm*

*Dec. 2, 11am-2pm (Republic Grill Sunday Brunch only)*

## **Art Park Dancers' Holiday Gala**

Art Park Dancers' Holiday Gala performance is scheduled for 8pm on Dec. 21 at the Municipal Court & Theatre Building. Tickets will be sold starting Dec. 3 for \$5 each. Join us to celebrate the holiday season with an evening of dance and a preview of our 2013 competition dances.

## P & R

### *Tiny Dragons Introductory Class*

This class helps kids develop the physical skills necessary for Martial Arts, such as balance, posture, and coordination. The kids will also learn valuable life skills, such as discipline, courtesy, respect, focus, and concentration. For ages 4-6.

*\$30/month (2 days/wk) or \$40/month (3 days/wk), \$10 fee after the 5<sup>th</sup> Mon., Wed. & Fri., 4:30-5:30pm Deer Park Community Center*

*To view the Parks & Recreation brochure or to register for activities, go to [www.deerparktx.gov/recreation](http://www.deerparktx.gov/recreation).*

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September, residential customers will receive an orange coupon in the mail, which will be required to redeem your garbage bags. Residents will be able to drive through and pick up 2 free boxes of garbage bags through October 27. Starting November 1, the distribution center will be relocated to the parking lot between City Hall and the Community Center. Residents who have not yet obtained their garbage bags will be able to drive through and pick them up at that time. The distribution center will be open 6am to 6pm on weekdays and 7am to

## Garbage Bags

4pm on Saturdays. You may still redeem your 2 boxes of garbage bags at no cost between Dec. 1, 2012 and Jan. 4, 2013 by visiting the Utility Billing Dept. at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, excluding holidays. After the Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> deadline, the garbage bags will be available for sale in the Utility Billing Dept. at City Hall.

For more information, refer to DPTV Comcast channel 16 or AT&T U-verse channel 99, or visit our website at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).

## Art Park Players

### ART PARK SEASON PLAYERS

YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN OUR SEASON PATRONS DURING "THE KING AND I"

**CORPORATE SPONSOR:**  
\$500 - 4 TICKETS  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
IN PROGRAM

**SEASON PATRON:**  
\$220 - 2 TICKETS,  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
IN PROGRAM


**SEASON TICKET HOLDER:**  
\$90 - 1 TICKET

**SHOW ONLY PACKAGE:**  
\$50 - 1 SHOW ONLY TICKET

**RESERVATIONS PER SHOW:**  
DINNER: \$25  
SHOW ONLY: \$15  
PRICE WITH STUDENT ID: \$10

**MORE INFO: 281-478-7288**  
**WWW.ARTPARKPLAYERS.COM**  
**CHECK OUT OUR NEW**  
**ONLINE PHOTO STORE AT**  
**WWW.ARTSTARFOTO.COM**

**"9 TO 5" AUDITION NOTICE:**  
TEEN - ADULT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012 @ 7 PM  
THEATRE/COURTS BUILDING DEER PARK  
PREPARED VOCAL & READING



**October 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 2012**



**Anything Goes**

**April 26, 27, 28, May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 2013**



**THE BOYS NEXT DOOR**

**February 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, March 1, 2, 2013**



**LEGALLY BLONDE**

*The Musical*

**July 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 2013**

*To purchase tickets to any of our shows, call the Art Park Players Box Office at 281-794-2448. Unless otherwise noted, productions are held at the Municipal Court & Theatre Bldg. Check out our all-star cast at [www.artparkplayers.com](http://www.artparkplayers.com).*



# Police Department



## *The Shepherd Program*

The Shepherd Program is offered at no additional charge to the residents of Deer Park. The program is designed to help safeguard those who have been diagnosed with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or autism. Due to an increased chance of wandering associated with these illnesses, caregivers may place critical information about their loved ones on file with the Deer Park Police Department. If a missing person's report is made, the information placed on file can be accessed quickly to initiate a Silver Alert, Amber Alert, or Endangered Missing Person Alert.

Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police), click *Dispatch* from the menu on the right, and then click on the *Shepherd Program* under Services.

## *Residential Security Check*

The Deer Park Police Dept. offers residential security checks to Deer Park citizens while they are away from home. Your residence qualifies for a residential security check if it is a house (not an apartment) and it remains completely unoccupied for more than 72 hours, but less than 1 month. Interested citizens may obtain an application in the lobby of the Police Dept. or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police). You must have a picture identification with you when submitting your application to the Police Dept.

Applications are processed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information, call 281-478-2000 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police).

## *Don't Be A Victim*

One of the more prevalent crimes in Deer Park is burglarized vehicles. It is also one of the most preventable. Time and time again, after their vehicles have been burglarized, victims say "I didn't think this kind of stuff happened in Deer Park." The fact of the matter is, it does happen, and if you don't remain vigilant, you could be next!

Detective Sawtell has been serving this city for over 16 years. He recommends the following two steps to decrease the probability of your vehicle being burglarized:

1. Lock your doors
2. Do not leave valuable property in your vehicle

It's that simple. When criminals see things sitting out in your vehicle, they will take it. When you leave your vehicle unlocked, they will go in it. We all work too hard for what we have to just hand it over to criminals. So, be vigilant, be safe, and please report any suspicious activity to the police. Together, we can continue to make Deer Park a safe community.

## *Public Information Online*

The Deer Park Police Dept. has been compiling data for online use since Dec. 2009. If interested in viewing the crime statistics on a map, go to [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). In addition, accident reports and police reports are available at [p2c.deerparktx.gov](http://p2c.deerparktx.gov). Please go to [www.deerparktx.gov/police](http://www.deerparktx.gov/police) for more information.

## *Halloween Safety*

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, it can be a little scary. Parents have some concerns with kids walking the neighborhoods at night and what may be hiding in those bags of goodies. Ensure that everyone has a good Halloween experience by following a few simple tips.



- Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on exterior lights and removing objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Have your Neighborhood Watch group patrol the community and help kids cross the street.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Deer Park Police Department.
- Make sure your kids are wearing flame-retardant costumes that are light in color or add reflective tape or blinking lights so they can be easily seen in the dark.
- Ensure that costumes are short enough to prevent trips or falls and encourage your kids to wear comfortable shoes.
- Try using makeup instead of a mask since masks can be uncomfortable and can obstruct a child's vision.
- Sometimes costumes, along with the excitement of Halloween, can bring out aggressive behavior. Fake knives, swords, and guns can accidentally hurt people so make sure these items are made from cardboard or other flexible materials. Chal-



lunge kids to create costumes that don't need "weapons" to be scary and fun.

- Make sure older kids go in a group and younger children are accompanied by an adult.
- Set a time limit for trick-or-treating and have the kids follow a route you have already mapped out in the neighborhood.
- Remind kids not to enter strange houses or vehicles.
- Make sure your kids know not to eat their treats until they get home.
- Inspect all treats, including fruit and homemade goodies, for anything suspicious at home in a well lit place.
- Eat only unopened candies and treats that are in original wrappers.

***Have a safe and happy Halloween!***

### ***All-Terrain Vehicles***

Many recreational activities have inherent risks, but some have a greater chance of causing injury or death than others. One of the more dangerous activities enjoyed by many is riding all-terrain vehicles. As bigger and faster all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) have been introduced, ATV-related deaths and injuries have increased substantially for every age group. In fact, children account for nearly one-third of all ATV-related injuries. In 2003, an estimated 38,600 children under the age of 16 were injured in all-terrain vehicle-related incidents. Furthermore, at least 111 children under the age of 16 died as a result of ATV-related injuries. ATV-related injuries commonly occur as a result of rollovers, collisions, and

falls. The annual cost of all-terrain vehicle-related injuries among children ages 14 and under is more than \$3.3 billion.



The Deer Park Police Department has received numerous calls regarding the operation of all-terrain vehicles in violation of state laws and local city ordinances. There are very few circumstances where it is legal to drive an all-terrain vehicle in a municipality. An exception would be when you are on your own property or you have direct permission of the private property's owner. Also, keep in mind that there are non-traffic related laws that may apply, such as criminal trespassing and noise ordinances. To learn more, please read the following information that applies to the operation of four wheelers, dirt bikes, or similar off road type vehicles within the city limits.

### ***Sec. 66-67. Vehicles in parks or other city-owned property.***

You cannot drive any automobile, motorcycle, four-wheeler, or any other motorized vehicle of any kind on any public property within the City of Deer Park, including but not limited to, city parks, the golf course, drainage and utility easements, and detention ponds.

### ***Sec. 38-72. General prohibition. Noise Ordinance.***

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any excessive,

unnecessary or unusually loud noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of others, within the city.

Go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), select the *City Secretary's* section under the *Government* tab, and click on *Code of Ordinances*, to view the Code of Ordinances in its entirety.

Play it safe and save your off road fun for the deer lease or a sanctioned public place outside of urban areas.

### ***The Dangers of Bath Salts***

The Deer Park Police Department would like to issue a warning about the growing abuse of bath salts throughout the United States.

Though the name may sound harmless, bath salts are a dangerous synthetic stimulant that carry the risk of easy over-



dose, hallucinations, and even death. It is a synthetic, stimulant powder product that contains amphetamine-like chemicals, such as Mephedrone, which have a high risk for overdose. Because the drug is new, and some of the contents remain unknown, using it in any way is highly dangerous. Currently, bath salts are illegal in a growing number of states in the U.S. Brand names include Pump It Up, Blizzard, Blue Silk, Charge+, Ivory Snow, Ivory Wave, Ocean Burst, Pure Ivory, Purple Wave, Snow Leopard, Stardust, Vanilla Sky, White Dove, White Knight, and White Lightning.

# Police Department

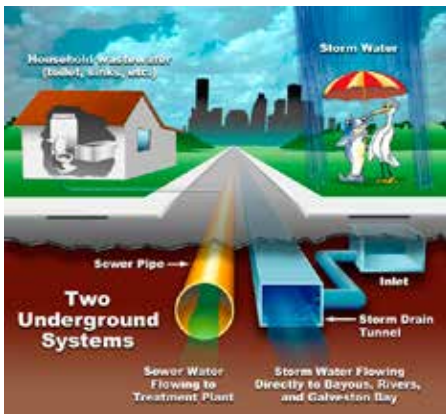
Bath salts are a dangerous drug whose full risks and effects are still unknown. The doctors at poison centers have reported that bath salts can cause rapid heartbeat, high blood pressure, chest pains, agitation, hallucinations, extreme paranoia, and delusions. Because bath salts are a relatively new drug, it is

difficult to determine the long-term effects. They appear to have many similarities to methamphetamine. Using the drug frequently over a long period of time can lead to emotional and physical “crash-like” feelings of depression, anxiety, and intense cravings for more of the drug. Since it contains amphet-

amine-like chemicals, bath salts will always carry the risk of stroke, heart attack, and sudden death.

It is illegal to possess or sell bath salts in the state of Texas. It is an equivalent charge to possession or distribution of cocaine.

# Public Works



## Two Separate Sewer Systems

Did you know that the storm water sewer system and the sanitary sewer system are two separate systems with different purposes? The storm water sewer system is designed to prevent flooding and consists of gutter drains, ditches, and underground storm sewers. The water is not treated before it enters the receiving body of water, which may be your favorite beach. The sanitary sewer system collects wastewater flowing from drains (toilets, sinks, showers, washing machines, and dishwashers) inside homes and businesses. It brings sewage to the treatment plant, where it is treated using physical and biological treatment methods before being released.

## Storm Water Management

The City's Storm Water Manage-

ment Program is coming to the end of its current 5-year permit term. It will be renewed for another 5-year term through a permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The Storm Water Dept. is responsible for administering the program and welcomes input from the public. Citizen feedback will greatly influence the direction of our program over the next 5 years.

The Storm Water Management program aims to reduce pollution that washes away from buildings, pavements, and other surfaces that are impervious to rainwater. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater](http://www.deerparktx.gov/stormwater) for more information. You may also contact us at 281-478-7253 or [stormwater@deerparktx.org](mailto:stormwater@deerparktx.org).

Remember that small changes in behavior can make a big impact on water quality!

## Drainage Maintenance

Debris in the storm drain system can obstruct the flow of flood waters, which can cause overflow into streets and yards. The City clears and performs maintenance work on the system at least twice a year and on an as-needed basis. Citizens are expected to perform

routine maintenance on ditches located on rights-of-way in front of their properties, including the removal of high weeds and litter. Call 281-478-7252 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks](http://www.deerparktx.gov/publicworks) to report drainage issues.

## Heavy Trash Pick Up

Non-kitchen type rubbish needs to be placed at curbside by 8am on Wed. for heavy trash pick up. At times, the volume of trash causes pick up to continue into Thurs. and Fri. If the material was at curbside by 8am on Wed., the sanitation crew is aware of it, and will be back by Fri. afternoon. For questions, contact us at 281-478-7253.

## Guidelines for Heavy Trash Pick Up

- Tree limbs must be less than 50 lbs. or 4 ft. in length.
- Concrete, bricks, shingles, paint cans, and household chemicals must be taken to the Transfer Station on Sat., 9am-4:30pm.
- Tires, batteries, and other car parts are not accepted by the landfill.

## Prevent Clogged Drains & Sewer Overflows

Disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down your household fixtures can be a health hazard, cause

an unwell-come clogged sink or toilet, and cost you and your city lots of money.



Blockages account for 43% of all sanitary sewer overflows. You should avoid sending any foreign material down your sewer pipes, including paper products, wood, metal, and toys. The worst items to send down the drain are, of course, fats, oils, and grease. FOG solidifies in the lines of the collection system and form large chunks that get stuck or build up on the walls of the pipes, thus narrowing the lines headed to the treatment plant. A blockage of the collection system could cause sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), in which the sewer overflows and spills into ditches, the ship channel, and the bay. It could also cause the sewer system to back-up into your yard and home. Untreated wastewater can be quite costly to clean up and can cause serious health issues for you and the surrounding community, including killing fish in our waterways.

Instead of pouring your cooking oil and grease into the sink drain, place them in a container with a tight sealing lid. Once your used grease solidifies, place it in a trash bag. Liquid oil and grease can be placed in a container, such as an old milk carton, and placed at the street curb with your normal household trash. The City will collect your used motor oil and cooking oil. For residents who compost, used cooking oil is biodegradable and can be added to your compost piles.

A common misconception that can lead to the discharge of FOG into the system is running hot water and slowly pouring FOG down the drain so it does not cause a blockage. If the fats, oils, and grease make it through your lines to the main line, which is not likely due to the FOG cooling too fast, the blockage will be building downstream from your connection.

Please properly dispose of FOG and do not send it into the lines of the collection system. Your participation can save money and prevent backups into your homes.

### *Automotive Waste Oil Collection*

The City's Sanitation Division is providing residents with a convenient way to properly dispose of oil by adding the service to curbside pick up. The collection trucks are equipped with a waste oil repository to gain control over hazardous waste, protect the environment, and improve community service. Waste oil should be set out with regular household garbage on one of the homeowner's two service days.

### *Flood Information*

Because Deer Park is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents can purchase flood insurance to protect their properties against the hazards of flooding. Please keep in mind that there is a 30-day waiting period after you purchase a flood insurance policy before coverage is in effect.

### *Flood Map Services*

To view the flood maps and determine the flood zone your property is in, visit the Public Works Dept. at City Hall, call 281-478-7252, or go to [www.harriscountyfemt.org](http://www.harriscountyfemt.org).

### *Adopt-A-Pet*

Almost 4 million adoptable dogs & cats are killed each year due mainly to overpopulation. Of those, 25 to 30% of the dogs are purebred and the other 70 to 75% are lovable, wonderful mixed-breed pets hoping to come home with you. The Adopt-A-Pet program offers friendly pets for adoption at a minimal cost. Dogs and cats are available for adoption after a holding period of 3 business days. There is a \$50 adoption fee. You must also prepay for the spaying or neutering of the animal and a rabies vaccination. Contact the animal shelter at 281-478-7274 or go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) to find animals available for adoption.



### *City Projects*

- The *Battleground Golf Course Historic Bridge Rehabilitation* project is expected to be awarded by fall.
- The *Georgia Avenue Headwall* project was awarded to Mar-Con Services in the amount of \$74,556 and is scheduled to be completed by fall.
- The *Lambuth Lane at Channel B112-03001 Culvert Replacement* project has been awarded and is expected to be completed by the end of September.



## Evacuation Assistance Request Form – Chemical Emergency Or Impending Storm

***Please register in advance. Do NOT wait until a storm is in the Gulf of Mexico.***

*This service is for residents with special needs who do not have a vehicle, cannot drive themselves, or cannot make other transportation arrangements with family, friends, or neighbors. The City of Deer Park will help transport residents with special needs to a central staging area for state-supported transportation to a northern area designated by the State of Texas.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of persons living at this address \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for requiring assistance:

☐ Do not drive or no vehicle available but otherwise mobile

☐ Wheelchair..... ☐ Mobile without chair ..... ☐ Completely wheelchair bound

☐ Bedridden ..... ☐ Somewhat mobile ..... ☐ Completely bedridden

☐ Special conditions or needs \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nearest relative \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please have all medications ready to take with you in case of evacuation.***

***Mail form to:*** City of Deer Park, Parks & Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 700, Deer Park, Texas 77536. You may drop off the form at the Community Center, 610 E. San Augustine, or the Maxwell Adult Center, 1201 Center Street. Or, you may complete the form online at [www.deerparktx.gov/residents](http://www.deerparktx.gov/residents).

***For more information, call (281) 478-2050.***

## Citizen Work Request

Do you know of something that needs to be done? Maybe something we have missed? Please let us know. Simply complete this form and return it to: City Manager, 710 E. San Augustine, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

*You can also submit a Work Request online using the City's Action Center. Visit us at [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov).*

***Together we can make Deer Park a better place!***

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the work \_\_\_\_\_

May we call you for more information?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

## Economic Development

### *New Businesses in Town*

- *Lola's Resale Shop*, open at 4514 Center, sells upscale, fashionable items, including clothing for women, teens and kids, jewelry, toys, furniture, and other household items.



- *Chick-fil-A* in Deer Park is now the #1 new franchise in the country, serving over 2,000 customers each day, which is more than any other new franchise in 2012.
- *Lion's Mane*, located at 2606 Center, is the new name for the long-established Deer Park business, Christie's Barbershop. Phillip Christie owned it since 1989, but recently sold the business to long-time employee, John Henry. Mr. Christie will remain working at the shop for one year.
- *Deer Park Vacuum & Sewing* recently moved to its new location at 8357 Spencer. Deer Park resident, Brian Doxtader, along with his son, Shawn, carry professional carpet and floor care equipment, as well as parts for most vacuum cleaners, janitorial supplies, sewing machines, pest and odor control products, and much more.
- *The Tobacco Stop*, open at 3408 Center, offers a wide selection of fine cigars, pipes, pipe tobacco, and smoking accessories.



- *Eclipse Massage & Spa*, the 1,600 sq. ft. business open at 4132 Center, is celebrating its

5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Owners and Deer Park residents, Carina and Jose Pantoja, have plans to construct a new 2,500 sq. ft. Tuscan-style spa building next year.

### *Business is Booming in Deer Park*

- 10 corporate headquarters relocated here over the past 2 years.
- Siemen's Energy recently opened the doors to its huge 160,000 sq. ft. facility, one of the largest industrial projects in the region.
- The construction of a \$7 million project at SH-225 and Independence Parkway is coming soon.
- Providence Town Square Apartments and Shoppes at Town Square Retail Phases I-III, a \$26 million investment, was constructed at the corner of Center and Pasadena Blvd.



- Deer Park welcomed over 1,000 new employees last year, and is poised to exceed that number for 2012.

*Remember, the dollars you spend in Deer Park's local stores support local jobs and vital public services.*

For more information, contact Debbie Westbeld at 281-478-2042 or go to [www.deerparktx.gov/ed](http://www.deerparktx.gov/ed).

## Maxwell Center

The Maxwell Adult Center is a recreational facility for all Deer Park citizens, ages 55 and over. It is open from 9am–5pm, 5 days a week, and offers a variety of classes. Bingo is every Wednesday at 1pm.

### *Meal Programs*

Seniors can participate in a congregate meal program and eat lunch in exchange for a \$2 donation. Lunch is served every day at 12pm. Reservations are required. We also have a homebound meal program for seniors who are restricted to their homes.



### *Bus Trips*

Please contact the Maxwell Center to find out about the trips to be scheduled for this fall.



### *Christmas Banquet*

This year our Christmas Banquet will be held on Dec. 13 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center at 6pm. Our event will be catered, so reservations will be required. Please call the Maxwell Center to make your reservations.

*E.M. Maxwell Adult Center*  
1201 Center Street  
281-478-7276

# Council Actions

## *May 2012*

- Awarded the bid for a four-year lease for golf carts to Club Car in the annual amount of \$68,857.
- Approved the expenses for Mayor Riddle to serve on the TMRS Advisory Committee.
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report for the period of January through March 2012.
- Approved the request of Braeburn Construction Company to extend their temporary occupancy permit for a construction trailer at San Jacinto Elementary School.
- Approved the request of Brighton Homes to renew a temporary occupancy permit for a construction trailer for the construction of Willow Draw Subdivision.
- Approved an ordinance accepting the petition for voluntary annexation from McDonough Engineering Corporation on behalf of Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores.
- Approved an ordinance calling two public hearings on the proposed voluntary annexation petition from McDonough Corporation on behalf of Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores.
- Approved a request from Deer Park City Council to zone an 11.5 acre tract of land situated in the George Ross Survey, Abstract No. 646, Harris County, Texas to General Commercial Zoning.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing to rezone the western 3.1931 acre tract of TR 14H, ABST. 482 W.

Jones Survey from Single Family One to Single Family Two in the Enclave at East Meadow Subdivision.

- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and proposed ordinance on the request of Siemens for a Specific Use Permit to place shipping containers at their facility.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and proposed ordinance to amend Aaron Street from a minor thoroughfare to a local street designation.
- Approved an amendment to Ordinance No. 3368 relating to the ambulance billing fee structure.
- Awarded the bid for a one-year supply of gasoline and diesel to Apache Oil Company.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of Sodium Hexametaphosphate.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year supply of refuse bags.
- Authorized the purchase of one vehicle through the Houston-Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative, and one vehicle through the Buy Board for the Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District.
- Approved a write off policy for uncollectable ambulance billing.
- Approved the removal of uncollectable emergency medical services debt older than December 31, 2007.
- Approved an eligibility-based policy for hardship circumstances regarding ambulance billing payments.
- Approved the transfer of inter-governmental 9-1-1 equipment

from The Greater Harris County 911 Network.

- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 budget for roof repairs to Fire Station #2.
- Authorized a Request for Proposals (RFP) for janitorial services.

## *June 2012*

- Approved a change order for the Georgia Avenue Retaining Wall project in the amount of \$29,455.
- Approved the replacement of roofs at the Pasadena Blvd. and P Street well sites from Atlas Universal Roofing through the Choice Facilities Partners Cooperative in the amount of \$30,969.
- Approved the replacement of the roofs at the Maxwell Center, Jimmy Burke Activity Center, and the Courts and Theatre Building from Atlas Universal Roofing through the Choice Facilities Partners Cooperative at a combined amount of \$156,361.
- Approved a Charter requirement to designate a schedule for Mayor Pro-Tem through April 2016.
- Approved an amendment to an agreement with Klotz Engineering for services related to the Battleground Golf Course Bridge in the amount of \$4,950.
- Approved an agreement for the donation of emergency vehicles to the Texas Forest Service.
- Approved the results of a Joint Public Hearing and an ordinance to rezone a 3.1931 acre tract of land out of the Williams Jones Survey, Abstract 482,



Deer Park from Single Family One to Single Family Two zoning.

- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for a Specific Use Permit to locate a church facility at 1305B W. Pasadena Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance amending Section 74-34(d) relating to terms for members of the Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Recreation Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved an ordinance appointing members to the Senior Citizen Commission.
- Approved an ordinance amending the fees for the after school activity program.
- Approved an ordinance amending the pay/classification scale for a part-time position in the City Secretary's Department and a position title change in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Approved an ordinance amending the FY 2011-2012 Budget for the position and title change in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Approved an ordinance accepting a ten foot sanitary sewer easement crossing Section 4, Block 1, Lot 15 of Park Glen Subdivision.
- Accepted a Fire Safety Trailer from the City of La Porte.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for the Phase II Patrick's Bayou Storm Water project.
- Authorized staff to seek bids for a one-year printing contract for

the Messenger newsletter.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with Harris County on Phase II of the Patrick's Bayou Storm Water project.
- Approved an agreement with the National Golf Foundation for services related to the potential leasing/contract management of the Battleground Golf Course and Republic Grill.
- Approved a resolution naming Director of Finance, Donna Todd, as a signatory with Tex-Pool Investments.
- Approved a resolution demonstrating commitment to Phase I of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project per TCEQ.
- Approved a resolution amending Chapter 5: Section 5.2, and Chapter 6: Section 6.10(b) and 6.10(h) of the Employee Personnel Manual as it relates to overtime.
- Approved an ordinance appointing three members to the Board of Health.
- Approved a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an ordinance calling a Joint Public Hearing on Zoning an 11.5 acre tract of land situated in the George Ross Survey, Abstract No. 646, Harris County, Texas to General Commercial Zoning.

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- Awarded bid for the lease purchase financing of a new fire truck to Houston Community Bank at an interest rate of 1.75%.
- Awarded bid for a one-year supply of refuse bags to Houston Polybag in the amount of \$168,400.

- Awarded bid for a one-year supply of Sodium Hexametaphosphate to Altivia Corporation in the amount of \$1.35 per pound.
- Authorized Requests for Qualifications for Phase I of the Waste Water Plant Improvements.
- Approved an agreement with Layne Christensen Company through the Choice Purchasing Program for the Coy Street Water Well Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$74,438.
- Accepted the completion of the Water Line Improvement 2011 project. Final cost of the project was \$365,438.
- Approved a resolution to authorize a tri-party depository pledge agreement between the City of Deer Park, Wells Fargo Bank, and Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company.
- Approved an ordinance accepting annexation of Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores.
- Approved an agreement with DPISD for School Crossing Guards and School Resource Officers.
- Approved an agreement with La Porte Independent School District for School Crossing Guards.
- Authorized the intergovernmental transfer of items from the United States Department of Justice.
- Approved an ordinance re-appointing the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge of the Deer Park Municipal Court.
- Authorized the renewal of the Economic Services Agreement with the Economic Alliance.
- Awarded bid for the Lambuth Culvert Crossing project to Pas-

# Council Actions

- key, Inc. in the amount of \$124,107.
- Accepted the completion of the Fire Station #2 Roof Repairs project. Final cost of the project was \$41,796.
- Approved the nomination of a Trustee for the TML-IEBP Region 14 Board.
- Approved the revision of golf fees at the Battleground Golf Course.
- Approved an extension of an agreement with Jack Pitcock for ambulance billing services.
- Approved an agreement with Deer Park Broadcaster as the City's official newspaper.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing to accept the FY 2012-2013 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget.
- Approved an ordinance calling a public hearing to accept the FY 2012-2013 Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District Budget.

- Approved the results of a Joint Public Hearing and an ordinance on the zoning of an 11.50 acre tract of land situated in the George Ross Survey, Abstract 646, to General Commercial.
- Approved an ordinance confirming the appointment of Director of Emergency Services, Malcolm Swinney.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Building Code as it pertains to commercial buildings.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 Residential Code with adopted amendments cited in Section 18-252.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Plumbing Code.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Mechanical Code.
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- Energy Conservation Code.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2012 International Fire Code.
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2011 National Electrical Code.
- Approved a request from KDW, Ltd. for a temporary occupancy permit for a construction trailer to be located at 1600 W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Approved a request from Braeburn Construction for a temporary occupancy permit for two (2) construction trailers to be located at 203 Ivy Avenue.

For more information or to read the City Council meeting minutes, go to [www.deerparktx.gov](http://www.deerparktx.gov), select the *City Secretary's* section under the *Government* tab, and click on *Search Minutes*.

# City Event Calendar



- 3 City Services Closed
- 4 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
- 6 Siren Test 6pm
- 10 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 11 Mystery Book Club @ Library
- 17 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 18 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 25 LEPC Meeting - 11am



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- 6 Fire Prevention Parade
- Goblin Gallop
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- 12 APP: 9 to 5 The Musical starts
- 15 Planning & Zoning Meeting - 7:30pm
- 16 City Council Meeting - 7:30pm
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- 23 LEPC Meeting - 11am
- 31 Halloween Carnival



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- 30 Reindeer Park



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## The Republic Grill & Battleground Golf Course

### The Republic Grill

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[www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill](http://www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill)

The Republic Grill is a casual dining room offering a relaxing atmosphere and a magnificent view of the golf course. The menu varies from huge hamburgers to succulent steaks, delicious homemade soups, and fresh salads. The full menu is available Mon.-Fri., in addition to specialty items on the buffet. We also offer a \$5 menu. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill](http://www.deerparktx.gov/republicgrill) to view the menus.

The Republic Grill at Deer Park can cater your next event, large or small. Call us for more information.

#### *Restaurant Hours*

Mon.-Thurs. 11am-2pm  
Fri. 7am-2pm  
Sat. 7am-10am  
Sun. 11am-2pm

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Every hole at The Battleground Golf Course presents an invigorating challenge and a lesson in Texas history. The Battleground Golf Course has a complete practice facility so you can hit balls off a spacious grass tee or off of our practice mats. The practice range has 3 practice holes to help you warm up and avoid those early bogeys. We have a practice par 5, par 4 and par 3, plus a chipping green with a sand bunker to perfect your chip shots and your sand shots. Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/battleground](http://www.deerparktx.gov/battleground) for more information.

#### *New Club Cars*

The Battleground Golf Course recently upgraded their golf cart fleet with new Club Cars. Club Car is the world's largest provider of small wheel, zero-emission, electric

vehicles. So, come out to the Battleground Golf Course for your next round of golf and try out the new Club Cars.

#### *Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament*

The Battleground Golf Course will host a Rally for the Cure Benefit Golf Tournament on Oct. 19. Proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Rally for the Cure and The Susan G. Komen Foundation. To volunteer or play in the tournament, contact Ronnie Clayton at [rclayton@deerparktx.org](mailto:rclayton@deerparktx.org). Go to [www.deerparktx.gov/battleground](http://www.deerparktx.gov/battleground) for more information.

